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In re Application of:

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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 20, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully request s reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due April 20, 2004, this Response is therefore considered to be timely filed.